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DPW FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE

INDIANAPOLIS – Over the past year, the Department of Public Works (DPW) worked to construct infrastructure improvements throughout the city. Work in 2009 included replacement, rehabilitation or new construction for bridges, sidewalks, ramps, traffic signals, bike lanes and street and alley resurfacing.

“By focusing our efforts on projects that provide a better quality of life for our citizens, we have made great strides in improving the functions of everyday living,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “We have seen great success thus far and will continue to spend our tax dollars responsibly as we maintain this work throughout 2010.”

2009 Accomplishments:

- Eight bridge replacement or rehabilitation projects
- More than 1,100 ADA access ramps
- More than 81,000 lineal feet of repaired or new sidewalks
- 35 repaired or new traffic signals
- More than 184 lane miles of street resurfacing
- More than 107,000 lineal feet of bike lanes
- More than 1,100 lane miles of crack sealing
- 7.5 miles of repaved alleys

Some of DPW's major construction projects this year included Project Open Market, the Lafayette Road over Eagle Creek Bridge Replacement Project and the Broad Ripple Avenue Project from College to Keystone.

Project Open Market was a city initiative to spur investment and create economic opportunity by removing the old I-65/70 interstate ramps on the Near-Eastside and building a new interchange along Washington Street to usher drivers into the heart of downtown. Project costs totaled \$22 million, mostly funded by federal dollars.

The \$2.3 million Lafayette Road over Eagle Creek Bridge Replacement Project included the construction of a new bridge deck, beams and rails. Texas classic rails were constructed, which helped improve the appearance of the bridge railing. The project also included the resurfacing of the bridge and includes a bike lane that connects to Eagle Creek Park.

The Broad Ripple Avenue Project from College to Keystone began in the spring of 2009 and final touches should be complete in the spring of 2010. Improvements of the \$2 million to \$3 million project included the

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realignment of Broad Ripple and Evanston avenues, resurfacing and minor widening of Broad Ripple Avenue, traffic signal repairs, new sidewalks and rehabilitation of curbs and existing sidewalks.

In 2010, DPW will invest approximately \$23 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funds for construction projects.

Two of the largest transportation-funded projects for 2010 include the rehabilitation of 38th Street from I-465 to I-65 and the rehabilitation of Hanna Avenue between East Street and Carson Avenue.

Mayor Ballard launched SustainIndy and created the Office of Sustainability in October of 2008. Both represent an innovative enterprise aimed at delivering long-term cost savings to the city, building the local economy, improving our quality of life and enhancing our environmental and public health. Its efforts are designed to aggressively move Indianapolis forward in making it one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest. For more information, visit www.sustainindy.org.

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